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### **Inventory for FOIA 2017-0023-F**

#### **Communications and Memoranda to and from Edward “Ed” W. Gillespie**

##### **Extent**

22 folders, approximately 1,726 pages and 17,560 email messages

##### **Access**

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Cheney Vice Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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##### **Provenance**

Official records of the Richard Cheney vice presidency are in the custody of the Archival Operations Division in Washington, DC and are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

##### **Processed By**

Staff Archivists, November 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

## Related Collections

2014-0301-F: Records on Edward (Ed) Gillespie, George W. Bush Presidential Library

2014-0512-F: Records on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Project, George W. Bush Presidential Library

## Biographical Note

Edward (Ed) Gillespie was Chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC) for the 2004 presidential election cycle and Chairman of the Virginia Republican Party from December 2006 to June 2007.<sup>1</sup> In July 2005 he served as a special government employee for the George W. Bush administration coordinating the confirmation process for John Roberts and Samuel Alito's Supreme Court nominations.<sup>2</sup> On June 26, 2007, Gillespie was onboarded as White House Counselor to the President, a position he held until the end of the administration in 2009.<sup>3</sup>

## Scope and Content

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of FOIA case 2016-0094-F.

This series contains records related to Ed Gillespie's correspondence and email communications.

The bulk of the records processed for this FOIA request were email messages created by and sent to Edward Gillespie. A significant portion of the email messages relate to Gillespie's role in facilitating John Roberts and Samuel Alito's confirmation as Supreme Court Justices in 2005. These email messages detail Gillespie's interactions with other White House staff, Department of Justice employees, members of Congress, and the press. There are also email messages that pertain to Gillespie's role as White House Counselor from June 26, 2007 to January 20, 2009. These email messages relate to the following: legislation to modernize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), the nomination of Michael Mukasey as United States Attorney General, discussions on the Lugar-Warner Amendment to facilitate the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, immigration reform legislation, the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) of 2007, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), free trade agreements, the dismissal of attorneys at the Department of Justice, loans to the automotive industry, the administration's response to the housing market crisis in 2008, and drafts of presidential remarks and statements on a variety of topics.

Frequent correspondents in the Office of Vice President within these email messages include Counselors Mary Matalin and Stephen Schmidt, Assistant for Domestic Policy Cesar Conda, Deputy Press Secretary Jennifer Mayfield, Press Secretary Lea McBride, and Chief of Staff and Counselor David Addington. Other frequent White House correspondents in these email messages include: Associate Counselor to the President Dabney Friedrich, White House Press Secretary Dana Perino, Deputy Director in the Office of

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1 University of Virginia Miller Center. (2012, January 24-25). Edward Gillespie Oral History Transcript. <https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-oral-histories/edward-gillespie-oral-history>.

2 Archived George W. Bush White House (2005, July 8). *Press Gaggle by Scott McClellan and Faryar Shirzad*. <https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2005/07/20050708-7.html>.

3 Archived George W. Bush White House (n.d.). *Edward W. Gillespie Counselor to the President*. <https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/government/gillespie-bio.html>.

Political Affairs Tim Griffin, Director of Broadcast Media Katie Levinson, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs Candida Wolff, Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs Jamie Brown, Deputy Press Secretary in the Office of First Lady Tarah Donoghue, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison Timothy Goeglein, Director of the National Economic Council Keith Hennessey, Deputy Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs Brian McCormack, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Joel Kaplan, Deputy White House Counsel William Burck, White House Counsel Fred Fielding, Counselor to the President Dan Bartlett, Staff Secretary Raul Yanes, White House Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto, and Special Counsel to the President Emmet Flood. Frequent correspondents from federal agencies and departments in these email messages include United States Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy Rachel Brand, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy Kristi Macklin, Director of Public Affairs for the Department of Justice Tasia Scolinos, and General Counsel in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Benjamin Powell.

The textual records are from Mary Matalin's files within the Office of Public Affairs collection and from three series within the Office of Staff Secretary collection: Correspondence Files, Miscellaneous Outbox and the Series One staffing files. Most of the Office of Staff Secretary records are not related to the Gillespie but are included in this series of records because of the nature of this collection and the standard of processing at the folder level. The staffing file series contains draft documents with added commentary and edits by staff members within the Office of the Vice President. The staff members involved in the drafting process of these documents include: Staff Secretaries Neil Patel and Derrick Morgan, Chief of Staff and Counselor David Addington, Deputy Chief of Staff C. Dean McGrath, Jr, Principal Deputy Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs Eric Edelman, Counselor to the Vice President Mary Matalin, Director of the National Energy Policy Development Group (NEPDG) Andrew Lundquist, Mrs. Cheney's Chief of Staff Debbie Dunn, Senior Speechwriter John McConnell, Assistant for Legislative Affairs Nancy Dorn, Assistant for Domestic Policy Cesar Conda, and Deputy Assistants for Domestic Policy Ronald Christie, Nina Rees and Karen Knutson.

The textual records authored by Gillespie consist of email printouts related to the Administration's energy policies, a policy paper on framing discussions related to budget and appropriation issues, thank you letters to Vice President Cheney for attendance at RNC events, a public letter to NBC News President Steve Capus entitled "Setting the Record Straight," a memorandum authored with Marc Lampkin regarding a scheduling request for Vice President Cheney to be the keynote speaker at the March 12, 2001 Science Talent Search Dinner, and a memorandum on recess Supreme Court nomination activities. The textual records in which Gillespie was a recipient include memoranda from Haley Barbour regarding Medicare, a scheduling memorandum from Melissa Bennett regarding a tour and remarks on the Migratory Bird Conservation Initiative, an email printout from Neil Patel with an article regarding Federal Reserve cutting the interest rate, and a memorandum from Steve Hadley on the Kly-Domenici-Sessions recommendations related to funding of Nuclear Infrastructure proposed by Senators Kyl, Domenici and Sessions.

Additional textual records processed within the Office of Staff Secretary series which do not relate to Gillespie include: barcode scanning sheets, letters, handwritten notes, policy papers, coversheets, website printouts, invitations, scheduling recommendation forms, publications, email printouts, information memoranda, Office of the Vice President staffing memoranda, White House staffing

memoranda, speech drafts, factsheets, reports, charts, lists, brochures, talking points, video scripts, tab dividers, and signing statements. These textual records document a variety of subjects and events. Many of the event-based documents relate to scheduling requests and speech drafts. The scheduling requests pertain to the following: White House tour requests, media interviews, photo opportunities, and drop by meetings with individuals and organizations such as the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, small business owners, MIT President Charles Vest, Senator Frank Murkowski, Senator Ted Stevens and Representative Don Young, and Pastor David Baker. The scheduling request documents also pertain to requests for Vice President Cheney's attendance at and/or prepared remarks for the following events: the 2004 African American Leadership Summit, a visit to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Business Council Dinner, Republican Governors' Association Dinner, International Futures Industry Conference, Senior Executive Association Professional Development Annual Banquet, Commercial Insurance Legislative Summit, Gulf Coast Regional Coalition's annual Washington Fly-In meeting, Business Executives for National Security Dinner, Trustees of American Medical Association Dinner, Smithsonian USA Clay art exhibit preview, and the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting. Drafts of remarks processed within the Office of Staff Secretary relate to the President's radio address and press conference statements on the budget and tax relief, the President's statement for press conferences with Prime Ministers Blair and Mori, the President's talking points for a call with Governor Rick Perry of Texas, the President's War on Terror and Patriot Act remarks, remarks regarding John Bolton's appointment as Ambassador to the United Nations, a eulogy for Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, and Vice President Cheney's remarks at a Jesse Helms Center event. In addition to the scheduling and speech drafts, the other records document various domestic and foreign policy issues such as the Islamabad Marriott Hotel bombing on September 20, 2008, crafting a strategic framework agreement between the United States and Singapore, drafting an executive order related to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) proliferators, nuclear deterrence funding, exports of Wyoming soda ash, a railroad project proposal connecting Uzbekistan to Afghanistan, natural disaster declarations for various states, power outages in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC), budget funding for the F-22 program, Medicare, tax cuts, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates, job growth, unemployment insurance, formation of a Social Security Commission, faith-based initiatives, ergonomics, energy policy, oil and gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and legislative earmark reform. There are also letters regarding get well wishes, condolences, birthday greetings, congratulations on retirements and wedding anniversaries, thank you for gifts and holiday greetings.

Correspondents for letters addressed to Vice President Cheney include: Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Singapore's Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, Bahrain's Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, German politician Michael Glos, Kurdistan Democratic Party President Masoud Barzani, Lithuanian Ambassador Vygaudas Usackas, United States Senators Kay Hutchinson, Craig Thomas and Peter Fitzgerald, United States Representatives Charlie Norwood, Nick Rahall and Ike Skelton, Wyoming Secretary of State Joseph Meyer, Former United States Secretary of State George Shultz, Former Wyoming State Senator Clifford Hansen, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, and Prescott Bush. Correspondents for letters sent by Vice President Cheney include: Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Supreme Court Chief Justice Rehnquist, United States Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker Jr., United States Senator Gordon Smith, United States Representatives Bob Beauprez, Sherwood Boehlert and Mac Collins, Wyoming State Senator Bob Peck, retired General Tommy Franks, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Division Shannen Coffin and Larry King.

## **System of Arrangement**

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in Cheney Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files and the Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection which include email messages and electronic files.

Staff Member and Office Files are the textual records created and/or maintained by White House staff members within their individual offices. These files document all levels of administration activity. Staff Member and Office Files are processed at the folder level, and the documents within are maintained in their original order. Since the files are processed at the folder level, individual documents contained within these folders may not be wholly responsive to the subject area of this FOIA request.

The Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection is maintained in the Executive Office of the President instance of the Electronic Records Archive (EOP ERA) which contains electronic records created or received by the administration of President George W. Bush. These electronic records are born-digital files and are primarily .eml, .pdf, .wpd, and .doc files.

The responsive electronic records retrieved from EOP ERA are saved in search results lists (SRLs) and are arranged chronologically by creation date.

The following is a list of folders and saved SRLs processed in response to FOIA 2017-0023-F:

### **Cheney Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files**

#### Office of Public Affairs

##### Mary Matalin Files

Ed Gillespie [OA/ID 00030]

Gillespie, Ed [OA/ID 00030]

Gillespie, Ed [OA/ID 00033]

#### Office of Staff Secretary

##### Correspondence Files

Incoming Correspondence May 2004 603351 FG038 [OA/ID 00338]

Incoming Correspondence September 2004 603368 FG038 [OA/ID 00338]

Incoming Correspondence December 2004 603381 FG038 [OA/ID 00338]

Outgoing Correspondence September 2004 603369 FG038 [OA/ID 00338]

##### Miscellaneous Outbox

March 15, 2001 [OA/ID 00346]

August 9, 2007 [OA/ID 00580]

January 30, 2008 [OA/ID 00626]

May 19, 2008 [OA/ID 00649]

September 20, 2008 [OA/ID 00706]

Series One Files

[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 151-175] [1 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 151-175] [2 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 151-175] [3 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 151-175] [4 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 276-300] [1 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 276-300] [2 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 276-300] [3 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]  
[Staff Secretary Series #1 2001: 276-300] [4 of 4] [OA/ID 00106]

Staffing Files

2005 OVP Staffing 607184 Not Numbered Misc. Staffings July 12, 2005 - September 23,  
2005 [1 of 2] [OA/ID 00551]  
2005 OVP Staffing 607184 Not Numbered Misc. Staffings July 12, 2005 - September 23,  
2005 [2 of 2] [OA/ID 00551]

**Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Electronic Records**

**ARMS Email bcc Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 22 responsive email messages.

**ARMS Email cc Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 7 responsive email messages.

**ARMS Email sent by Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 290 responsive email messages.

**ARMS Email sent to Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 110 responsive email messages.

**Exchange Email cc Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 1,111 responsive email messages.

**Exchange Email sent by Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 2,180 responsive email messages.

**Exchange Email sent to Edward W. Gillespie**

This SRL contains 13,840 responsive email messages.

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